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| Art Unit: 1638 | Title: A NOVEL GENE FOR CONTROLLING LEAF SHAPES | |

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an *Amendment* in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| | Claims remaining after amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid For | No. of Extra Claims Present | Rate | Additional Rate |
| Total Claims | 2 | Minus | 20 | 0 | X \$50 | \$0.00 |
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| TOTAL | | | | | = | \$0.00 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Applicant(s) hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. | | | | | |

Respectfully submitted,

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IN RE APPLICATION OF : Hirochika et al.
FOR : **A NOVEL GENE FOR CONTROLLING LEAF
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of September 26, 2005, in this patent application, Applicants request entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.